

INTIMATIONS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
LIMITED.

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MEETING of the above Company
will be held at the Company's
Office, 20, Des Voeux Road Central
on SATURDAY 29th of March
1924 at 11 a.m.

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will be closed from the 15th of March to 29th of March, both
days inclusive.

DOUGLAS L'APRAIK & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th March 1924.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC
SOCIETY.

GRAND CONCERT
under the patronage of
H. E. The Governor
by the
Society's Chorus and Orchestra
THEATRE ROYAL.
SATURDAY, 29th March, 1924,
at 9.15 p.m.
Booking opens on 17th March
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Prices . . . \$3, \$2, \$1.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING
COMPANY.

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HONGKONG SATURDAY, MAR. 29, 1924.

THE SUTHERLAND SCHEME.

The Government cannot possibly complain at the interest, being shown in, and the suggestions made to combat the Piracy evil; whilst the gallant skipper whom we spoke to some days ago will have to withdraw his words for after all there are those who do care a d...n, those who let it keenly when ships are held up, innocent people robbed and captured, and the lives of officers endangered. Mr. Robert Sutherland is neither the last or the least to step in on a subject where evidently Angels do not fear to tread. We had a reference to his scheme sometime ago, a reference which whetted our appetites and Oliver Twist like made us ask for more information regarding it. The wheels of the Chamber of Commerce grind exceeding slow but doubtless they grind exceeding sure. We assume they have deliberated on the scheme and

find it good. As outlined in the press it seems simplicity itself and above all effective. It is an efficient scheme and whilst, so far as we can see, it does not claim to be able to stamp out the evil, it is obvious that it is going a long way in that direction. There are features about it unconnected with piracy that we certainly like. It needed to be emphasised that the Colony allows undesirables of all conceivable classes to enter the Colony—particularly those medically and dangerously unfit—a menace to the place. If only to combat that flagrant menace the scheme is worthy acceptance. Adopted, it would mean the centralising of search work and a more efficient oversight of it than is now the case; whilst the baggage feature is admirable. We need not be prophetic to suggest that if the scheme is eventually adopted, influence will be brought to bear to have certain of the suggestions modified in deference to Chinese feeling, or "old custom." If so, it should clearly be indicated that if anything the conditions of the proposed scheme will, if possible, be strengthened.

Traffic.

Another attempt is to be made by the Police to regulate and control Hongkong's traffic—so far as rickshas are concerned. Having in mind the failure of the attempt made to control traffic of a few years ago the present suggested programme will be watched with not a little interest. Then the public was pointedly told to watch its step in an uncertain manner. When a prominent public servant received an unsolicited lesson in pavement walking, the business came to a full stop. The present or proposed regulations pertain to rickshas and no one can reasonably cavil at the decision to keep traffic moving in our two main thoroughfares, and to allow no waiting rickshas, except in side streets. It may be questioned if with the reduction in the number of chairs and rickshas recently made, and the reduction which is likely to ensue in the future as the result of the further incursion of motor traffic, further regulations were needed, but those best able to judge have decided otherwise. Presumably no waiting motor cars will be allowed, but this has so far not been indicated. We do not know what conditions govern the granting of ricksha and chair licences, and whether there is condition, actual or implied, that those in charge of numbers of ricksha and chair-men, should see that the recognised stands in the centre of the town at least, have their quota of conveyances on them, in all kinds of weather. It has been the lot of many on rainy nights to look in vain for either a ricksha or a chair. This should not be.

Petty Pilfering.

The Golf Club has a notice asking its members not to purchase golf balls from caddies and others who may approach them—amongst other things such buying leads to continued dishonesty on the part of the vendors. If there is anything which militates more than anything else against a proper appreciation of the Chinese character, it is the penchant of the servant and coolie class for petty pilfering. There are exceptions, undoubtedly, but in the main the characteristic of "lifting" things is there, coupled with a blank denial of knowledge of the whereabouts of missing articles. The things taken are often trifling which makes the business all the more irritating. Articles of attire vanish; little pieces of personal adornment "go west"; until the distracted house wife knows not whom to trust and what to put under safe lock and key. As Browning has it, it is the little things and how much they are! For it is the little things that are invariably missing. Where do all these things get to? "Canton more far" probably, but presumably there are dens of Chinese Fagins where the pilferer is heartily welcomed by the wily Receiver. Pawn shops probably when receiving goods ask few if any questions—presumably on the assumption that if no questions are asked no lies will be told. Marine store yards or dealers doubtless receive the bits of brass, copper and lead which are the unconsidered trifles of the unscrupulous Autocurus. But who gets the fountain pens—those useful implements that shed their drops of ink and, so it is said—although we doubt it, make Mona think? We put the question feelingly for some hound has stolen something more than trash, has robbed us of our favourite pen. Whether the simple tenets of honesty are taught in our Christian and Confucian Schools we know not. We can only hope they are.

It will amaze our readers to read that there are lepers in England. But such is the case. In a remote part of England there is a home for these unfortunate people. They are strictly secluded. In the past the asylum has been kept going by private donations, but now there is an urgent need of funds to carry on the work and to introduce the treatment which has been effective in many places abroad. The appeal is for £4,000, and we hope it will be speedily raised. An anonymous donor has promised to add £1,000 if this sum is collected. We have seen the lepers at Pakhoi and at Sandakan and the ameliorative efforts being made to ease or to stay the awful disease. It is a sight never to be forgotten and puts our petty complaints entirely in the shade.

Hongkong's HARMONY is likely to have a visit from the London Syncopated Orchestra, now at Singapore and highly spoken, or written of, there. Hongkong which dearly loves a jazz, should welcome it. And so should all those who love a time without worrying whether it is popular or classical. Here is a story which a legal friend at home writes of a recent experience. He was engaged one afternoon in an arbitration in a building where rooms may be hired. The parties were amicable, and a fierce forensic fight seemed sure to follow.

Then into this grim atmosphere there drifted the lachrymose solo of a jazz lament. A well-known West-end band was at practice in the next room. Solicitor's clerks lost their looks of defiance; opposing counsel became almost human, even the arbitrator's toe tapped in time.

The end was a friendly settlement.

A Home Cricket CATCHES Club imposes a fine on those of its members who miss catches. Here is another aid to take the deadly dulness out of cricket. Fine your fielders who suffer from "butter fingers" and make the game more interesting to watch, play and describe. We hope our premier club will adopt the idea.

There was an old LIM. Lady of Brasted. LIM. Who hated the Tea to be wasted. But one little guest Said she spoke for the rest. When she told her how filthy it tasted.

It is scarcely ANOTHER TERROR worth while being a pedestrian nowadays. The latest acquisition to street traffic is what is known as a scooter—presumably because it scoots, or makes others do it—which is a very convincing definition. An attempt was made some time ago to popularise this form of saving time, but either because these things are not built to mount hills, or because of the ridicule heaped upon them, they faded out of sight. Now we see a dauntless soul holding on to handles in the manner of a perambulator, delving into space and making tram cars look ridiculous. Soon, if the craze spreads, which we doubt, we shall have two-seater scooters.

Shackleton has THE QUEST gone and it is difficult perhaps to believe that such an intrepid spirit has finished its course even though the body which housed it is now but dust. The "old tub" called "The Quest" still survives and is now engaged in the sealing industry under the ownership of a gentleman who rejoices in the name of Schjeldrup.

If the human mind CRUELTY is capable of thinking of, and carrying out punishments or cruelties on children, there are those equally capable of thinking of punishments for those found illtreating children. During a debate in the House of Lords recently, a noble Lord suggested a very drastic remedy. Nothing less than that the culprits should be indelibly marked, so that they should be known everywhere by their fellow-men. The suggested punishment is not likely to be adopted, although the ordinary human mind resists at the idea of cruelty to children and would go to extreme lengths to put a stop to it.

The Canton GAZETTE PIRATES gives prominence to the news of Governor Yang's determination to do his bit to root out pirates—or to make it not worth their while to engage in it. Off with their heads is his motto as is evidenced by his instructions to the deputy in the Hengtung district to execute captured pirates immediately, if there is sufficient proof against them.

To-day's Poem.

(The Friend.)
He is a friend who can
By look, a word, renew
The courage in a man.
His best and true.

He is a friend who lives
With a large-heartedness
That takes, as well as gives,
And is no less.

A friend is he who shows
A new height to attain,
Who freely comes, and goes
Freely again.

—T. Morris Longstreth.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 29.

1713. I was not at court to-day
and I hear the Queen was

not out; has seized her again. Terrible rain all day.
—Swift.

HIS DUTY.

When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty.
—G. B. Shaw.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

March 29.—Cochet Theatre; Hoot Gibson in "Blinky."

March 29.—Star Theatre; "The Witching Hour."

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March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.

March 30.—Star Theatre; Peter the Great, the Modern Sampson, 5.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

April 1.—Public Dinner to Sir William Rees Davies at Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORT.

March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

April 2.—Annual Athletic Sports of the University of Hongkong.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

March 31.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

April 1.—Lammert Bros. at Godown No. 1 H.K. Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 100 tons sulphate of ammonia, 11 a.m.

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COMPANY MEETING.

March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, at 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The ghastly ending is reported of the family of Chao Wen-kuang, a former Manchu officer, who had lost his income and was in desperate circumstances. Last week he prepared a poisonous mixture of 10 boxes of sulphur matches in a bowl of water and compelled his family one after another to drink, finally following them himself.

The Chapel Silk fatiture catastrophe continues to agitate the Chinese of the district, and the latest proposal is that the Military Governor should step in and appropriate the insurance money on the building—said to amount to \$10,000—and distribute it among the families of the victims. A full list of the dead is being got ready with this object in view.

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The chief incidents in this evening's

big Star Theatre picture, "The

Witching Hour."

This would only have been natural with the

main theme woven round a young

gambler who has an uncanny

knack of guessing right what

cards other people are holding,

but skilful screening has brought

out to the very fullest the strong

human interest that permeates the

whole picture.

"The Witching Hour" has been adapted from the

stage success and has been pro-

duced with a very able cast

headed by that popular star Elliott

Dexter.

A pretty story of intrigue is

suggested by the account which

appeared in a Chinese newspaper

with regard to an official and his

brother who are said to have

departed from a certain district in

Fukien with a million dollars in

their possession, their destination

being Shanghai. Members of the

Fukien Provincial Association

here got busy, says the N.C.D.

News, with the result that the

naval people at Woosung took an

interest in the vessel on which the

two brothers were supposed to be

travelling, but the ship was

searched and the men were not

PIRACY PREVENTION PROBLEM.

"TAI LEE" INQUEST VERDICT.

JURY PUTS PLAIN MAN'S VIEW.

Important Recommendations Made.

In giving their verdict at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the Coroner's jury which has been investigating the death of Capt. J. Wilcox, formerly master of the river steamer "Tai Lee," who was shot when pirates seized his ship, made a number of important recommendations which, as indicating the plain man's view of the piracy prevention problem, should prove a useful contribution to the subject.

GUILDS' ATTITUDE.

Mr. Hind's Address.

The hearing of evidence was completed earlier in the week and when the inquiry was resumed yesterday Mr. W. B. Hind, on behalf of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China brought forward a number of points which he said he had been instructed to mention. Chiefly Mr. Hind's address was a recapitulation of the points made by the Guilds in their recently published correspondence with the Government. It was the opinion of the Guilds, he said, that the system of Indian guards was quite useless and that the responsibility for protection against pirates should be transferred from the police authorities to the Navy.

Coroner Sums Up.

Summing up, the Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) said he had already informed the jury that their main function was to determine the cause of death of Capt. Wilcox. That death was due to shock as the result of bullet wounds, and that those wounds were inflicted by one or more of the gang that pirated the s.s. "Tai Lee," the Jury, he thought, could not doubt. If that was their finding then they could bring in a verdict of wilful murder. The Coroner pointed out that every member of the gang was guilty of murder if, in effecting their common purpose, anyone was killed by any one of them. There was some evidence that the bo'sun and his assistant, and possibly other members of the crew were in direct collusion with the pirates. If the jury were satisfied on that point they could return a verdict against them and other persons unknown, or if not satisfied they could return a verdict of murder by persons unknown. Referring to subsidiary issues, he invited the Jury in the first place to make any remarks they desired as regards the searching of the "Tai Lee" and of the passengers on board prior to sailing on this particular occasion and any recommendation as to searching of all such river steamers in general. The Jury had seen for themselves the way in which the searching was conducted on the wharves, and in the case of the "Tai Lee" they must remember it was probable that the arms were concealed on board by members of the crew. Secondly, the Jury must pass judgment on the observance or otherwise in this case of the anti-piracy regulations which were in force in January last. The evidence had, to his mind, established that three, at least, of these regulations were not observed, namely:

Regulation 16, which required all equipment in the way of rockets and flares, etc., and firearms and ammunition to be readily accessible at all times;

Regulation 32, which required every officer to carry firearms at all times when his ship was in the danger zone; and

Regulation 52, which required grilles at the entrance to the engine rooms, etc., to be kept locked at all times when the ship was in the danger zone, and no access to be possible thereto except from the bridge deck.

The other regulations then in force appeared to have been observed. In this connection, the Coroner called the attention of the jury to the fact that the owners of every steamship that plied within the danger zone had to enter into a bond of \$5,000 for the observance of the Piracy Regulations by their officers.

In conclusion, the Coroner said the Jury might desire to make some comments on the conduct of the ship's officers and crew, etc.

The conduct of the guards on duty appeared to have been excellent. The two inside the grille did their best until they were wounded, and the third was shot down before he had time to do anything. As regards the officers, the Jury must remember that this affair was shown to have been as much a mutiny as a piracy, since several members of the crew were in league with the pirates. That they had not carried out the regulations had been admitted by the Chief Officer, but whether they could have done more to resist the attack when it came was for the jury to say.

The Navy's View.

In connection with the last two issues, the Coroner read a memorandum drawn up by Lieut. Beauchamp, Naval Intelligence Officer, in his position as representing the Naval Authorities, at

the request of the Commander-in-Chief. The memorandum was as follows:—Piracy Regulations—We heard a good deal of evidence as to whether grilles, etc., were kept locked. The old Regulations laid down many Rules as to grilles but omitted to say anything should be kept locked. The fact that a similar omission has been made in the new Regulations and not so far corrected does not seem greatly to the credit of those concerned. The new Regulations, however, cover many of the points where the old one failed—notably no passengers within the grilles area of the bridge—proper protection to the engine-room, etc. The evidence has shown that none of the officers carried arms. This is in defiance of Regulation 32, about which there can be no question. The omission renders the owners liable to forfeit \$5,000 bond. The conditions under which officers are called upon to serve in these ships are such that the ordinary cleanliness, discipline, and efficiency of a British ship cannot be maintained by them. The fact that they are on a 24 hours' agreement makes their position so insecure that many do not take any trouble to exercise command over the ships, which are entirely in the hands of pilot, boatswain and comrade. It is impossible to expect the conditions outlined above to attract men capable of carrying out the Regulations, or by their personal influence of rendering their ships unpopular with pirates. At present the owners regard British Officers as a necessary evil which must be made to cost as little as possible and they will not hesitate to dismiss a good man who does not fall in with their ideas, and to put in his place anyone from the water front who will privately agree to take less wages than the Guild rate. I consider that on board the s.s. "Tai Lee" there was no attempt at discipline and command by European Officers. That the officers were neither prepared to resist piracy or mutiny, nor capable of doing so; that had they been willing to take command of their ship and see the Regulations efficiently carried out they would have received no encouragement from their owners, and probably have rendered themselves liable to summary dismissal; that unless the owners are deprived of their bond for breaches of the Regulations under the Ordinance they will never find it worth their while to keep good officers. Unless pay and conditions and compensation are made attractive, good officers cannot be expected to stay in river steamers. Unless you have good officers in river steamers you will never get Regulations carried out.

It is the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief that the Regulations are sufficient when combined with efficient police measures and co-operation on the part of the officers to put a stop to piracy.

The Verdict.

The members of the jury, Messrs. H. R. B. Hancock (foreman), F. A. Perry and F. B. Silva Netto, declined the Coroner's invitation to retire and had evidently come prepared with their verdict.

As to the cause of death, Mr. Hancock said the jury's verdict was one of wilful murder against the boatswain, assistant boatswain and persons unknown.

Mr. Hancock went on to say that the jury's answer to the Coroner's question "Was the police search efficient?" was that the search of the "Tai Lee" by the Police was carried out as efficiently as circumstances permitted, but quite possibly firearms were secreted on board without arousing suspicion, especially at Wong Moon where it was understood that no search was carried out. The Jury considered the present system of searching for firearms at Hong Kong was not at all adequate.

Slackers on Board.

As regards the observance of the Anti-Piracy Regulations by the ship's officers and crew of the s.s. "Tai Lee," continued Mr. Hancock, "we are of the opinion that there was considerable slackness. None of the officers carried firearms and all the spare arms and ammunition were locked up in steel boxes in the Captain's cabin, the key of which was always in his possession. All the rockets, Very lights, etc., were kept locked in a steel box on the bridge, the key of which was in the possession of the Captain. Nothing was in readiness, and it was impossible for things to give any call for help at all. The

whole deck grilles were left open when the ship was leaving Wong Moon, and it seems that all the ship's revolvers were stolen, when the "Tai Lee" was docked after the typhoon last year, from a locked drawer in the Captain's cabin. We consider this carelessness. These revolvers were of the same calibre as those used by the pirates, as shown by the bullet extracted from the body of Captain Wilcox. We think that the pirates knew that there was a general air of slackness on board. The dodgers were not closed? Why?

Better Conditions for Officers.

With regard to your Worship's question as to the conduct of the ship's complement, we say that the ship's European complement appears to have given in on the first warning of pirates on board. They did not seem either willing or anxious to assist in suppressing them. Not being armed, this was doubtless the only course open to them. It is impossible, however, to call upon them to defend their ships under these circumstances unless they are engaged upon better terms of service and given such control over their ships as is exercised by British Masters over British ships. We are strongly of the opinion that the present terms of engagements, terminable at 24 hours' notice, does not conduce to efficiency. We think that H.E. the Governor should call upon the Harbour Master to put forward such recommendations for the improvement of conditions of service as will permit of capable officers being employed. It is impossible to get efficient officers to serve in these ships unless they are given suitable rates of pay and unless provision is made in case of death or disablement. We think that, possibly, if the rockets, etc., had been ready in position for firing some warning call for assistance might have been given.

There is much conflicting evidence as regards the Chinese members of the crew, but the fact that several were seen during the piracy fully armed and assisting the pirates and were missing from the ship after the pirates left the vessel and have never been heard of since, points to some of them being involved. We are not at all impressed with the evidence of the ship's carpenter and pilot, but it seems evident that the bo'sun and assistant bo'sun were involved and that the bo'sun was one of the ringleaders.

We understand that the owners are under a \$5,000 bond to carry out the Piracy Regulations. As they were broken in this case, is the Government going to enforce the bond? We recommend that the Government should enforce the bond.

Indian Guards.

With regard to the Indian guards, we consider that they did their duty, but that the present system of employment is unsatisfactory. The Captain should have more control over the guards who are present, are almost entirely under the Captain Superintendent of Police. Finally, we feel very strongly that compensation should be made to the dependents of Captain Wilcox.

Jury's Rider.

That, your Worship, covers all we have to say with regard to the questions put before us but we have a rider we should like to put forward. That is, the Captain of this morning.

The Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department stated that defendants were warned by a watchman but they started picking the flowers again as soon as his back was turned.

Defendants who pleaded they were new-comers, were mulcted in fines of \$3 each.

PIRACY—EVIL.

HONGKONG PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

HOW THE CONVOY SYSTEM WORKS.

To combat the piracy evil, British soldiers with Lewis machine-guns are now being carried on some of the river steamers.

Steamers leaving Hongkong at night for Canton proceed to Cap-sun where they wait for a short time for the Steamboat Co.'s vessel which leaves at ten. Being the fastest ship in the convoy this boat takes up a position at the tail-end and keeps behind during the whole trip. On reaching Cap-sun about thirty-five to forty minutes from the wharf, socket signals are exchanged and the convoy proceeds together.

Eight privates in charge of a "non-com." board the s.s. "Lungshan" and "Fatshan" on alternate nights. The system is identical except that all ships leave at 5 p.m. and the convoy gradually disperses on reaching Castle Peak Bay.

The Kongmoo run, which now boasts almost as many vessels as the Canton service, is accorded similar protection. Here the troops are placed on the "Tai Lee" and "On Lee" respectively, one of the ships taking the last position in each night's convoy. At present, the "On Lee" is in dock and troops are not posted on ships flying the Chinese flag. The same steps are taken on the down-trip from Kongmoo.

It is stated that no troops have been sent to the Wuchow steamers yet owing to the ships sailing at different times and the resulting difficulty of organising the convoy system on this run. Measures are however, being considered.

Mention should be made that the complement of Indian guards is still borne by each ship in addition to having troops on the "mother ship" of each convoy.

WOUND UP.

LAUD RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The resolution for the voluntary winding up of the Company and the appointment of Mr. L. S. Greenhill as Liquidator which was adopted at an extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Laud Reclamation Company, Ltd., held on March 14 was confirmed at a further extraordinary general meeting of the Company held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd. this morning.

STEALING FLOWERS.

Stealing flowers known as Magnolia Fuscata from the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley was not unusual charge preferred against two Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning.

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importance. We think that the present system of military patrols in force on one boat of a convoy might be extended to each boat. Finally, we recommend the strengthening of the service of Naval patrols in the Canton delta, and that all passenger ships sailing out of Hongkong must be provided with wireless and carry at least one efficient wireless operator.

The Coroner: This concludes the enquiry and I thank you for the careful and kind attention you have given to it.

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ANNUAL MEETING THIS MORNING.

The forty-first ordinary general meeting of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. was held this morning at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Douglas, Laird and Co., 20 Des Voeux Road, Mr. H. P. White presided and supporting him were Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard, C. G. Mackie and W. E. Clarke (Consulting Committee), and Mr. C. L. Farmer (Secretary). Among the shareholders present were Messrs. G. P. Lammet, E. A. Abraham, Chan Yu-ching, Lam Kin-chor, A. A. Alves, S. T. Williamson, J. E. Gomes and F. T. Gill.

In presenting the annual report,

The Chairman said:

The report and accounts, which cover a period of six months only, having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission, take them and the auditors' report, as read, and I trust that shareholders will accept the figures presented as satisfactory taking into consideration the continued disorganized political condition of China which it is regretted shows no signs of betterment, and that a trade consequently has been of a fitful and uncertain nature, while the number of competitors is increasing.

As stated in the report both "Haching" and "Haihong" have each undergone an extensive overhaul during the half year the cost of which has been debited to the working account of the steamers, and it is anticipated that little will be required in the way of repairs for the next year or two.

The New Steamer.

The new steamer "Hai Ning" will be soon in commission and we fully expect will prove a very satisfactory addition to the Company's fleet. She is 315 feet in length and 46 feet beam, and has accommodation for over 40 first class passengers in commodious two-berth staterooms amidships, accommodation for 32 second class passengers in a deck house aft, while her exceptionally lofty and airy 'tween decks, will render her a favourite with deck passengers; in addition, she will have higher speed than is usual in steamers of her size, while her hull being composed of iron is better calculated to resist the effects of corrosion, than if built of steel.

The accounts call for no special comment and I trust you will approve of the proposed distribution of profits, and also of our contribution to the Japanese Earthquake Fund.

The amount written off as depreciation represents 4% for the half year, being the amount allowed under the Company's Articles of Association; namely 8% per annum on the book value less the amount of the reserve fund.

Prospects of this Year.

Regarding prospects for the current year, in the present unsettled state of affairs in the Far East an element of uncertainty must always exist, but I can state that earnings, up to the present time, are satisfactory.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts, as presented, and after this has been seconded, will be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may desire to ask.

The report and accounts were passed, seconded by Mr. G. P. Lammet.

It was proposed by Mr. Williamson and seconded by Mr. Gomes, that Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard, W. E. Clarke and C. G. Mackie be re-elected as Consulting Committee for the current year.

It was proposed by Mr. Abrahams that Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis be elected auditors for the current year at a remuneration of \$50 per annum each. Seconded by Mr. Gill.

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" PAUDA "	8,800	12th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
" NULLORE "	8,603	17th Apr.	Marsilles, London & Antwerp & Rotterdam
" CHINA "	7,685	19th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
" SOUDAN "	8,690	3rd May	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" KALYAN "	8,118	17th May	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" PLASSY "	7,484	21st May	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" KASHMIR "	8,613	21st May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
" SIULIA "	8,607	22nd May	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" KHIVA "	8,607	31st May	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" KASHGAR "	8,649	14th June	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" SOUDAN "	8,696	23rd June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
" INDIA "	10,911	28th June	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" KARMALA "	9,088	12th July	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" SIULIA "	8,613	22nd July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
" MALWA "	10,841	29th July	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" DEVANHA "	8,692	9th Aug.	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" MANTUA "	10,902	23rd Sept.	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" EVIPPER "	8,014	23rd Sept.	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" KAISAR-I-HIND "	11,430	1st Oct.	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
" KASHMIR "	8,683	4th Oct.	Marsilles, London & Antwerp
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" KASHGAR "	8,649	1st Nov.	Marsilles, London & Antwerp

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" ARAFURA "	8,600	2nd Apr.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane
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" KHIVA "	9,197	21st May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" EASTERN "	4,000	21st May	Moji & Kobe
" TAKADA "	8,649	21st May	Shanghai
" SIULIA "	8,613	12th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" KASHGAR "	8,649	21st May	Moji & Kobe
" MOREA "	10,911	20th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" ARAFURA "	8,600	21st June	Shanghai
" SOUDAN "	8,636	11th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" ST. ALBANS "	8,636	11th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" MALWA "	10,941	21st June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" ST. ALBANS "	8,613	10th July	Shanghai
" DEVANHA "	8,692	11th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" MANTUA "	10,902	25th July	Moji & Kobe
" EASTERN "	4,000	20th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" KHYBER "	8,614	21st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" KAISAR-I-HIND "	11,430	21st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" KASHMIR "	8,683	6th Sept.	Moji & Kobe
" ARAFURA "	8,600	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" KASHGAR "	8,649	12th Oct.	Moji & Kobe
" ST. ALBANS "	8,600	12th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
" MALWA "	10,941	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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In him are united the Six Virtues of a good judge. This inscription in Chinese characters written on the menu card in honour of Sir William Rees Davies K.C. was fully in keeping with the spirit of the big gathering of the Chinese who entertained the retiring Chief Justice at a farewell dinner given at the Yee Woo restaurant, West Point last night. The hosts were the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and included Mr. Li-Po-kwai (Chairman), Mr. Ho Kwong (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Ho Kam-tong, Mr. Ma Chilung, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Mok Kong-sing, Mr. Kwok Shiu-lau, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. H. K. Hung, Mr. H. K. Woo, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. H. C. Lyson, Mr. S. T. T. Fan, and Mr. Chau Pak-shan (Secretary).

Sir William's career is as remarkable as it is distinguished. He went on the Hon. Mr. Kotewall. His Honour Sir Wm. Rees Davies, H. E. the General Governor, Commanding Sir John Kotewall, and Lieut. General Comptroller, which was for some years represented in Parliament by Mr. Justice the late Sir William Davies, and

by himself. It must have been a matter of pride to our Chief Justice that in two contested elections he actively assisted his father, with gratifying results, and that eventually the mantle of the father descended on the son. The ability he displayed in the House of Commons soon attracted the notice of that great Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Harcourt, who made him his private secretary. A few years afterwards he was appointed Attorney General of the Bahamas, and during this term of office he administered the Government on one occasion. He was next transferred to Cyprus as King's Advocate, and from that ancient island he came to Hongkong as our Attorney General. Sir William seems to have shown a strong partiality for Islands. Perhaps the Celtic legend of the islands of the Blessed had attracted him to these three island-colonies. It was seventeen years ago that Sir William first landed in this Colony, and six years afterwards he rose to the high and responsible position of Chief Justice here.

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been fortunate in having as its chief law officer and afterwards as the head of its Judiciary an official who has had parliamentary as well as administrative and judicial experience. (Applause.)" Though we shall soon part from him, his good work will long live in our memory, and will endure in the many beneficent laws which he helped largely to make during his tenure of office as our Attorney General. We all wish him many years of retirement—years of restored health and renewed vigour, of tranquill, rest and unclouded happiness. Gentlemen, I give you "His Honour Sir William Rees Davies!" (Applause.)

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TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.THE ROYAL HONGKONG
GOLF CLUB.

(LADIES' SECTION.)

(1) UNATTACHED LADIES.

As from 1st May 1924, all permits already granted to ladies other than wives, daughters or sisters of members of the Club, to use the Golf Courses and Club-houses, will be withdrawn. Unattached ladies who desire to obtain the privileges of the Club should make immediate application to the undersigned, giving full particulars of their case and addresses, such applications being endorsed as "recommended" by a member of the Club.

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TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND
CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shaw, Tones & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY the 10th day of April, 1924, at 12.00 Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Half-year ended on the 31st December, 1923, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE
A SHIP'S NAME.

WE, THE SHUN TAI S.S. CO.
(HONGKONG) LTD. of 114,
Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, hereby
give notice that in consequence of
change of Ownership, we have
applied to the Board of Trade, under
Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping
Act, 1894, in respect of the ship
"NIPSC" of Manila, Official number
153537 of gross tonnage 2163.19
tons, register tonnage 1296.77 tons,
hitherto owned by MADRIGAL &
CO. of Manila for the permission to
change her name to "BORNEO"
and to have her registered in the
new name at the Port of Hongkong
as owned by THE SHUN TAI S.S.
CO. (HONGKONG) LTD.

Any objections to the proposed
change of name must be sent to the
Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong,
within seven days from the appearance
of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong this 29th day
of March, 1924.

THE SHUN TAI S.S. CO.
(HONGKONG) LTD.

(Signed) PANG KOKSUI,
Secretary.

REMARKS.



BOOKS

GOETHE IN ONE'S YOUTH.

I have often lived in Cologne, but not for a second time could I feel the joy that filled me as I sat in a window overlooking the Rhine—the Rhine!—and stumbled about in the First Part of "Faust," till the sky beyond beyond the river turned white with the summer dawn. And that next evening when, almost incapable of the language, I emerged at Weimar, and was taken by a demure German family for a walk in the park, while they kept murmuring to each other, "Wunderschone Nacht!" and we passed the gates of the classic Schloss (where the guard sat always ready to spring to attention and stand with arms presented whenever of the one Grand Ducal family chose to appear and the sentry shouted, "Heraus!"), and wandered in the "Stern," over shadowed with trees, and out upon meadows, brilliant with flowers even in the dusk, while on the right the little stream of the Ilm slid along its course hardly whispering. And then suddenly, and as though by accident, someone said, "Schen Sie, Goethes Gartenhaus!" and there the white cottage stood, wooden, simple, covered with trellised roses, the roof high-pitched, a little white gate opening through the hedge. It would be impossible, I suppose, to make the modern mind realize what tides of emotion and reverence overwhelmed me at such a sight and at the thoughts of all the memories hidden there.

—H. W. Nevinson,
in "Changes and Chances"

AN EXPOSITION OF CHINA.

In translating Emile Hovelaque's "China," Mrs. Laurence Binyon, has provided opportunity for English-speaking readers to acquaint themselves with the history and characteristics of a people concerning which most of us know little: a nation, moreover, concerning which the public opinion of the United States needs for its general and effective intelligence to know more. "Every Chinaman aware of the facts," says M. Hovelaque "knows that China is powerless against the cynical capacity of the powers, greedy to divide the enormous prey, and that it would be the height of foolishness to count on their moral sense. In all the somber outlook to see only one hope shining: that the idealism of the United States which, in this case, fortunately coincides with their interests, shall be strong enough to make them intervene in favour of his unfortunate country and make justice finally prevail. It is to Young America that Old China will turn more and more, as to the one light in a world given over to the powers of darkness and strife. And, fortunately for her, the interest which America takes in China—a moral and intellectual as well as a material interest—grows unceasingly." But this Chinaman aware of the facts" must also realize among them his individual minuteness in the vast population of China, unconcerned, from time immemorial, in matters of government, and still living by a code that more than 3,000 years ago "formulated once for all the rigid rites and unvarying ceremonies which regulate the daily life of ... every man and every woman

their clothing and their attitudes, their gestures, their speech at all moments of their life, public and private." A civilization is visualized, in these pages, in which Government, with its opportunities for the emoluments of office, is the serious concern of those who govern and those who desire to govern, but not at all of the vast proportion of those who, nominally, are governed.

So, for example, our mental picture of China, as we read our newspaper, paints itself on too large a canvas: "The country, at bottom," says M. Hovelaque, "is no more interested in home questions than in foreign politics. All these upheavals which, seen from afar, seem the only manifestations of her life, are mere ripples on the surface of the great motionless Chinese ocean. Her true life goes on practically unchanged beneath this scum. This is shown by the quite negligible number of the combatants in comparison with her population, of 400,000,000. All these resounding operations are carried on by little armies in which the same soldiers appear over and over again; the protagonists of these military and political struggles are always the same. A handful of ambitious men are dragging an inert China to destruction."

M. Hovelaque prepares the reader for his exposition of China by devoting the first book of his volume to the impressions made upon him by travel in that country. His second book considers "Ancient China: Its History, Religious Institutions and Art"; the third book examines the external relations of China from the Opium War to the fall, after the treaty of Portsmouth, of the last of 26 historic dynasties; the fourth takes up the New China, a general view of present conditions and an interesting contrast between the two civilizations in which he presents our Western civilization as seen by the Chinese mind. And all this, evidently, is necessary to a reading comprehension of China in 1924, for here surprisingly one finds the ideas and convictions current thousands of years ago still current and operative in the life of the Nation. One hesitates, after reading the book, to use the word "nation" with respect to China: "She has never, strictly speaking, been a State," says our author, but instead "only

A MUCH-HATED POET.

If you search through the length and breadth of Germany you will find no statue to Heine. And yet he is beyond all question one of the most beautiful poets and prose writers that Germany has produced. For this, there are two reasons. One is that he was a Jew, the other that he satirized the weaknesses of his country unmercifully. No foreigner who hated the country could have penned such biting phrases; it was, perhaps, the truth in them that made them so unpalatable. There was a time, however, when Heine was the most popular poet that a national one, and his countrymen do not easily forgive that. He lived in England for a while, and his "English Fragments" were the fruit of this visit; but the last twenty-five years of his life were spent in Paris. He was born at Dusseldorf in 1797, and adopted Christianity because in no other way could he get his law degree at Gottingen University. From the religious point of view, however, he was no great credit to either faith.

a loose federation of innumerable little autonomous democracies, families subject to an emperor who, though an autocrat, has no effective power over them, and is a high priest or a pope rather than a sovereign."

The theoretical man from Mars, newly arrived on this planet, would find much to interest him in M. Hovelaque's contrast of the Western and Eastern civilizations; and we of the West may also read and profit. A limited understanding (which is the most that can be hoped for) of an alien civilization is better than none; and in that direction the present book seems helpful, and is highly interesting along the way. "China," in short, offers a composite presentation of the Chinese people that is admirable.

—R. B.
[China: By Emile Hovelaque.
J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd.]

—I. D.
[The Viper of Milan" by Marjorie Bowen. John Long. 2/- net.]

THE VIPER OF MILAN.

Gian Visconti—The Viper of Milan—is a grossly inhuman and increasingly powerful tyrant whose conquests in Lombardy are viewed with alarm. The beautiful Duchess of Verona is among Gian's innocent victims, a prisoner in his stronghold.

The book is a thrilling narrative of the gallant but pathetic attempts of the Duke of Verona to extract the Viper's fangs and rescue his wife from its deadly embrace. Treachery and cunning, however, favour the villain and impede with tantalizing persist-

ance the noble efforts of the hero.

The story is an unusual one in which villainy triumphs. Gian's death in the last chapter closes an engrossing but gloomy, chro-

nic of event staged in 14th Century Italy.

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THE MIGHTY PAIR.

When Spenser appeared by Chaucer's side, men who knew what poetry was, knew that England had taken her place among those nations which could claim to have produced great poetry. With Spenser, English poetry was seen to have exhibited all the qualities of great poetry. But within little more than half a century ... it was seen to have done more than that. And long before the full century had elapsed that generous poet who was the first or at least the second of our great critics of poetry had definitely recognized that we in England were already possessed of two poets who not only belonged, like Spenser, to the world of great poetry, but were among those few mighty ones who sit in that world—to apply the phrase of one of them—on sainted seats as its enthroned gods. Dryden's prompt recognition of the splendour of the genius of Shakespeare and Milton—both as unlike him as they are unlike each other—is one of the greatest of recorded triumphs of literary judgment.

However, it is not our business

—not a very profitable one for

anyone—to be awarding first

classes or seconds in an imaginary

world competition of poets.

Shakespeare and Milton are any-

how great enough for an English-

man to feel it to be about his

highest glory that their language is

his mother tongue. But observe

this. The mighty pair on whose

shoulders we English climb these

heights are as unlike each other

as two poets well can be. No

doubt they were also as unlike as

two men can be, but that is not

the present point. What I am

now concerned with is the poetic

contrast. Shakespeare ...

completes the gift of Chaucer. It

is, on the other hand, Spenser's

gift which Milton completes.

Milton is, without rival or question, the greatest artist of our race. Indeed, it is quite arguable

that his poetry, which is very

nearly all of it, of consummate

perfection, is in craftsmanship, if

not quite so certainly in design,

REYMED REVIEW.

"The Rockingham Diamond." By Collinson Owen (Hodder and Stoughton).

A diamond in shirt-front
is definitely rare.
But, owing to his uncle's
will,
The terms of which he
would fulfil,
Our hero wears one there.

It is a source of pain to him,
This dress-shirt stud de
luxe.
Whenever he's in evening
kit
Attempts are made to get
at it

By nimble-fingered crook
Surprising situation this.

Unless we are deceived,
A man relieved of such a
stud
Without incurring loss of
blood.

Would be indeed relieved.

The gem is stolen; this
makes matters more
Uncomfortable than they
were before.
Thuswise the story runs its
course until
It suits the uncle's—and the
author's—will.

—R. W.

the greatest work of art in the whole world of poetry. One test of poetry as art is whether you can alter the words it uses. How many times do you find one that you can alter in Milton? Is even Virgil more final than he is? That is why they are of all poets the easiest to retain in the memory: their word is always the only possible word when once you have been shown it. Well, that is Milton, the magnificent craftsman, the self-conscious, deliberate, laborious genius, who always knew what he was doing, and why he was doing it, who put purpose and character into every word he uttered, and was never for a moment easy-going, indifferent, impartial, or amused. Could there be a man less like Shakespeare?

—John Bailey,
in "The Continuity of Letters."



Laughter First!

Harold Lloyd

LLOYD'S 7-reel

Feature Comedy

will be shown again

at the

WORLD THEATRE

Watch The Opening Day,

You'll explode with laughter!
Risk A Rib!

You'll have hysterics of joy!
That's the chance you take.

You'll get the biggest thrills
and biggest laugh you ever
had in your life.

LAUGH and LET LAUGH!

TRY "SAFETY LAST!"

Safety Last!

Pathécomedy

SCREENLAND.

LIGHTS OUT.

"Lights Out," a picture dealing with the intimate details of studio life in Hollywood, which is showing for the last time at the World Theatre, to-night, contains many screamingly funny situations growing out of the confusing similarity between a famous crook, "Highhanded" Joe, and an actor who impersonates him on the screen.

The actor, mistaken for the crook, is hounded by secret service men, while the crook himself, bent on committing murder, is treated with the utmost deference by the moving picture company.

The action is snappy all through and there are more laughs to the film foot than any comedy-drama that has appeared recently. Al Santell, the director, has taken full advantage of the big possibilities offered by the stage success of Mann Page and Paul Drickey, from which this picture was taken.

Ruth Stonehouse, Walter McGrail, Marie Astaire, Theodore von Eltz, Ben Deely, Hank Mann, Max Ascher, Harry Fenwick, Ben Hewlett, and Fred Kelsey are in the cast and they give a very excellent account of themselves.

JACK HOXIE.

Latest Novel Role.

It must have been a severe blow to Jack Hoxie's pride when he was cast for the role of a sheepherder in his newest Universal starring feature, "The Man from Wyoming," at the World Theatre, on Sunday. Hoxie, it is said, was at one time one of the world's most famous cowboys and served the apprenticeship in the art in which he excels on a large western cattle ranch. Cattlemen have long had a bitter aversion to sheep men and although it is absurd to think that any such thought could interfere with the characterization of a motion picture star it undoubtedly caused conversation when Hoxie was presented with the script for his picture.

He has the role of an escaped

convict who had been wrongly

See this picture and have renewed faith in the cinema. It begins with a smash and ends with the greatest punch ever plunged upon the screen: An international killer and crook caught by means of the motion picture!

ABSOLUTELY NEW—AN AMAZING TWIST—BEWILDERING—INTRIGUING—ENTHRALLING—Showing For The Last Time To-day

Commencing Sunday, till Tuesday

JACK HOXIE

IN THE

MAN FROM WYOMING

There isn't a role in pictures that Hoxie could fill better—there isn't anyone in pictures who could fill the part better than Hoxie does in this big, smashing drama of the wilds of Wyoming. He fairly radiates the spirit of the glorious West—a big, husky youngster right at home on a bucking bronc, and a whiz with a gun. You'll say so when you see him in his thrilling screen triumph!

Action, Romance and Suspense!

WORLD THEATRE.

imprisoned and to escape detection by prison authorities becomes a sheep herder. He goes into a feud with cattlemen on a neighbouring ranch, through the crooked methods of his employer and several sensational range battles are waged which savour of the gun fights of the West's golden days.

The climax comes in a terrific fight between Hoxie and his employer when the young man revolts at the methods of the sheep man. Hoxie narrowly escapes lynching over a shooting scrape and is saved by the girl owner of the cattle ranch around whom the feud centred.

Despite the fact that Hoxie plays the role of a sheep herder instead of the gallant cowboy role in which he has become so popular the picture is crammed with action and is filled with dramatic interest.

It seems at first glance to be a bit of a novelty to see a man herd

sheep on horseback; the picture is not long in proving the logic of such a situation. The herder is ranging his sheep on dangerous ground; on the open range of a cattle country and disputes are common.

The sheep herder's horse is very fast which protects him when the opposing forces get too strong.

He has a place in the hills where it is impossible to surround him.

Another reason why he rides a horse instead of lying on his back on a sunny slope and sending a dog to round up the sheep is that he's a true cowboy and dislikes to walk, besides knowing nothing of the ability of dogs as herders.

Hoxie is a trick horseman and to see him in a picture where he had no opportunity to do some hard riding would be a loss, which his director, Robert N. Bradbury, no doubt took into consideration.

The story is an adaptation of William MacLeod Raime's popular novel, "Wyoming."

PIRATES AND BRIGANDS.
HOW THEY HAMPER LOCAL TRADE.
ANOTHER PLEA FOR MORE NAVAL PATROLS.

Hongkong Exporters' Association Meeting.

The grave handicaps to local trade, pirates and brigands represent and the necessity for increased Naval patrols were emphasized by the Chairman of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong at the annual meeting of that body held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. John Robertson was supported by Messrs. A. W. Van Andel, Vice-Chairman, O. Eager, J. M. Alves, S. M. Churn, Fung Kung On, and the acting Secretary of the Association (Mr. M. F. Key).

The firms represented were:

Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co. (Mr. J. M. Alves), Arnold & Co. Ltd. (Mr. B. Monteith Webb), Dowdell & Co. Ltd. (Mr. F. Syme Thompson), Fung Tang (Mr. Fung Kung On), W. R. Grace & Co. (Mr. E. H. Nilson), Gibb, Livingston & Co. Ltd. (Mr. P. E. Barker), Gilman & Co. Ltd. (Mr. B. O. Blaker), Gerin Drevard & Co. (Mr. C. E. Roselet), W. A. Hannibal & Co. (Mr. John Robertson), Holland China Trading Co. (Mr. A. W. Van Andel), W. G. Humphreys & Co. (Mr. E. Humphreys), Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd. (Mr. O. Eager), W. R. Loxley & Co. (Mr. W. L. Patten), Lepack & Co. Ltd. (Mr. M. Baptista), Maxim & Co. (Mr. J. Ribeiro), A. B. Moulder & Co. Ltd. (Mr. Wong Oi Kut), J. M. da Rocha, David Sackson & Co. Ltd. (Mr. R. E. Greensmith), Thoresen & Co. (Mr. S. Berg), Union Trading Co. Ltd. (Messrs. S. M. Churn and F. Remedios), Harry Wicking & Co. (Messrs. H. Owen Hughes and S. Finna).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—Although, as stated by my predecessor in the chair, at the last annual meeting, the year 1923 opened with a distinctly improved demand, both from Europe and America, for South China produce, the promise of better things was scarcely maintained, owing partly to unsettled conditions on the Continent of Europe, and still more, to civil disorder in the Canton Delta, which has resulted in supplies of the principal articles of export being both high in price and scarce in quantity. We are rightly concerned here in Hongkong at the prevalence of piracy, but I doubt if we all realize how serious and menacing is the interference by brigands with the trading operations of native craft throughout the whole Canton Delta. Downright piracy and the 'levy' of blackmail in the form of 'conduct-money' together constitute the gravest handicap to the trade in which we are engaged and I should like to endorse the remarks of the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, the other day, on the subject of the urgent necessity for a considerable increase in Naval patrols, as the most effective method of protecting commerce and ensuring something like normality in the passage of cargo.

Rice Trade.

Coming to matters more strictly within the purview of this Association, I may say that, as regards the rice trade, the period under review has been rather disappointing. The demand from our principal outlets,—the United States of America, South America and the West Indies,—has been, on the whole, extremely poor, with the result that only a hand to mouth business materialized.

American and Cuban buyers are apparently still finding it to their advantage to place the bulk of their orders direct with Saigon, and it is reasonable to assume therefore that they can buy rice for shipment from that port at a much lower price than in Hongkong.

The Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, commenting on statements that Hongkong's rice trade is being seriously affected by direct shipment from the exporting countries mentioned that Hongkong imported and exported rather more rice in 1923 than in 1922 or 1921. Nevertheless, as some of our members well know, an important part of the rice trade has been lost to the Colony—I refer to the import of rice from Siam and Saigon and its re-grading and export to other countries. That the total statistics do not indicate the decrease is due, I understand, to the fact that the trade between Hongkong and Canton and neighbourhood has been larger during the year under review.

only in regard to each item, we now collect quotations from a considerable number of firms and are thus able to arrive at figures which more fully represent the prevailing prices. This method entails a good deal more work for the Secretariat, but the results, I think, you will agree, justify the extra trouble.

Empire Exhibition.

In view of the great importance to trade interests of the British Empire Exhibition, your Committee decided to provide an Exhibit of South China Produce for display in the Hongkong Section. British members of the Association combined in the production of a handbook to accompany this exhibit. There is every reason to believe that the trade of the Colony as a whole will share in the benefits to trade which must accrue from an enterprise of such magnitude as the forthcoming Exhibition at Wembley.

It is unnecessary, I think, for me to comment here upon other matters which have been considered by the Committee during the past year, but I would like, on their behalf, to record our sincere appreciation of the support and assistance we have received from the Secretariat during that period.

In this connection I would refer particularly to the impending departure on leave of Mr. D. K. Blair, who since its inception, has worked and assisted to build up this Association with that characteristic loyalty and energy which has won for him the esteem and administration of commercial as well as social circles. Committees, past and present, together with all members of this Association, learned with the deepest regret of his breakdown in health, and will, I am sure, join with me in expressing our profound appreciation of his services and in wishing him a complete and speedy return to health.

Your Committee has appointed Mr. Key to act during Mr. Blair's absence. Mr. Key has already proved most useful to us and we are sure he will carry on the work to your entire satisfaction.

The accounts, I think, call for no special comment. I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as printed be adopted and, after the motion has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which members may desire to ask.

LOST RICE TRADE.

Shipping Companies Blamed.

Mr. J. M. da Rocha, seconding the motion, said:—I should like to congratulate the Committee of the Association on a useful year of work and to express on behalf of the general body of members our appreciation of their services.

Perhaps, I may be permitted to comment upon the reference from the chair to the Government statistics of the rice trade of the Colony. Although the total business in rice was larger than in 1922 or 1921 it is nevertheless true that Hongkong has lost a considerable share of the Cuban, West Indies, American and South African rice business. This is mainly due to the fact that the steamship companies, principally the Shipping Board vessels, are calling at the producing centres in Saigon and Bangkok, and offering the same if not a lower rate of freight for rice as from Hongkong. Efforts were made to secure a differential as between Hongkong and the Southern Ports but the rate fixed by the Freight Conference was too trifling to affect our position.

A valuable portion of the Colony's trade has thus been sacrificed by the steamship companies' adoption of a policy, which, while not enriching them, leaves us poor indeed. As an explanation of the increase shown by Government statistics I suggest the increased importation of rice from Saigon, Bangkok and Bangkok was due to the severe damage done to the crops by typhoons and floods; also to the decreased acreage of rice plantation in South China directly caused by political troubles, the exporting houses and the foreign buyers.

I am glad to say that the burden of the levy was ultimately divided, by agreement, between the manufacturers, the Chinese dealers, the exporting houses and the foreign buyers.

I note a reference in the report also to the arbitrary imposition of a retrospective ten per cent. tax on fire-crackers by the authorities in Canton. This threatened a dislocation of the trade and a complete stoppage of deliveries by the manufacturers and a consequent default in the part of the exporters, but I am glad to say that the burden of the levy was ultimately divided, by agreement, between the manufacturers, the Chinese dealers, the exporting houses and the foreign buyers.

I am sure all members of the

Association heartily endorse what

you have said, Mr. Chairman, with

regard to the very valuable ser-

vices of Mr. Blair and we join with

you in wishing him a speedy re-

covery of health.

The election of the following as

members of the General Com-

mittee was proposed by Mr. E.

W. Humphreys, and seconded by Mr.

S. Berg, and carried unanimously.

Messrs. J. Robertson (Chairman),

B. Monteith Webb (Vice-Chair-

man), A. W. Van Andel, O. Eager,

F. Syme Thompson, A. D.

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Kong On.

This concluded the business

before the meeting.

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL RESIGNS.

PRESIDENT'S PRESSURE.

New York, March 23.

Mr. Daugherty, the Attorney-General, has resigned and President Coolidge has accepted his resignation.



WASHINGTON, March 28.

President Coolidge, in a letter to Mr. Daugherty, based his request for Mr. Daugherty's resignation to the Attorney-General's refusal to comply with a summons issued by the Senate investigating committee for the production of certain papers relating to gun-running on the Mexican border.

Mr. Daugherty, in reply, said his resignation solely in deference to Mr. Coolidge's request.

LATER.

Mr. Coolidge's letter insisted that Mr. Daugherty was an interested party and was therefore not justified in refusing the information desired by the Senate committee.

The President declared he was convinced that Mr. Daugherty would be unable to give undivided attention to his duties under the present stress.

Mr. Daugherty replied arguing at great length that Mr. Coolidge's position was untenable.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

R.A.M.C. v. Navy 2ND XI.

Following are the scores in the second league match at Happy Valley on Wednesday when the Medics annexed the points.

R.A.M.C.

Cpl. Howarth, l.b.w. Osborne ... 34

Mr. McCullagh, b. Osborne ... 33

Capt. Walker, b. Osborne ... 25

Sgt. Percy, b. Osborne ... 6

Pte. Nash, b. Dore ... 5

Pte. Osborne, b. Dore ... 1

Pte. Balchin, c. Osborne, b. Dore ... 0

Pte. Chilton, c. Hughes, b. Osborne ... 9

Pte. Scruton, b. Dore ... 0

Pte. Pilcher, not out ... 1

Pte. Derry, b. Dore ... 6

Extras ... 6

Total ... 131

Bowling Analysis.

c. M. R. W.

Pte. Lt. Hogg ... 10 0 39 0

Pte. Tidley ... 5 2 16 0

Pte. Com. Osborne ... 14 1 56 5

Cpl. Sp. Dore ... 10 3 18 5

NAVI.

Pte. Com. Osborne, b. Walker ... 8

Mr. Wilkins, c. Howarth, b. Nash ... 27

Cpl. Hughes, b. Osborne ... 15

Pte. Harris, c. Howarth, b. Walker ... 2

Cpl. Sp. Dore, b. Walker ... 0

Cpl. Jackson, c. McCullagh, b. Walker ... 12

Pte. Lt. Com. Woodington, c. Chilton, b. Walker ... 16

Pte. Lt. Gregory, c. Howarth, b. Walker ... 18

Pte. Lt. Hong, b. Walker ... 6

Pte. Lt. Tidley, not out ... 5

Pte. Lt. Nash, c. Howarth, b. Walker ... 1

Extras ... 8

Total ... 110

Bowling Analysis.

c. M. R. W.

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Sgt. Percy ... 7 4 0 10 0

Pte. Nash ... 7 3 20 1

Pte. Osborne ... 3 0 18 1

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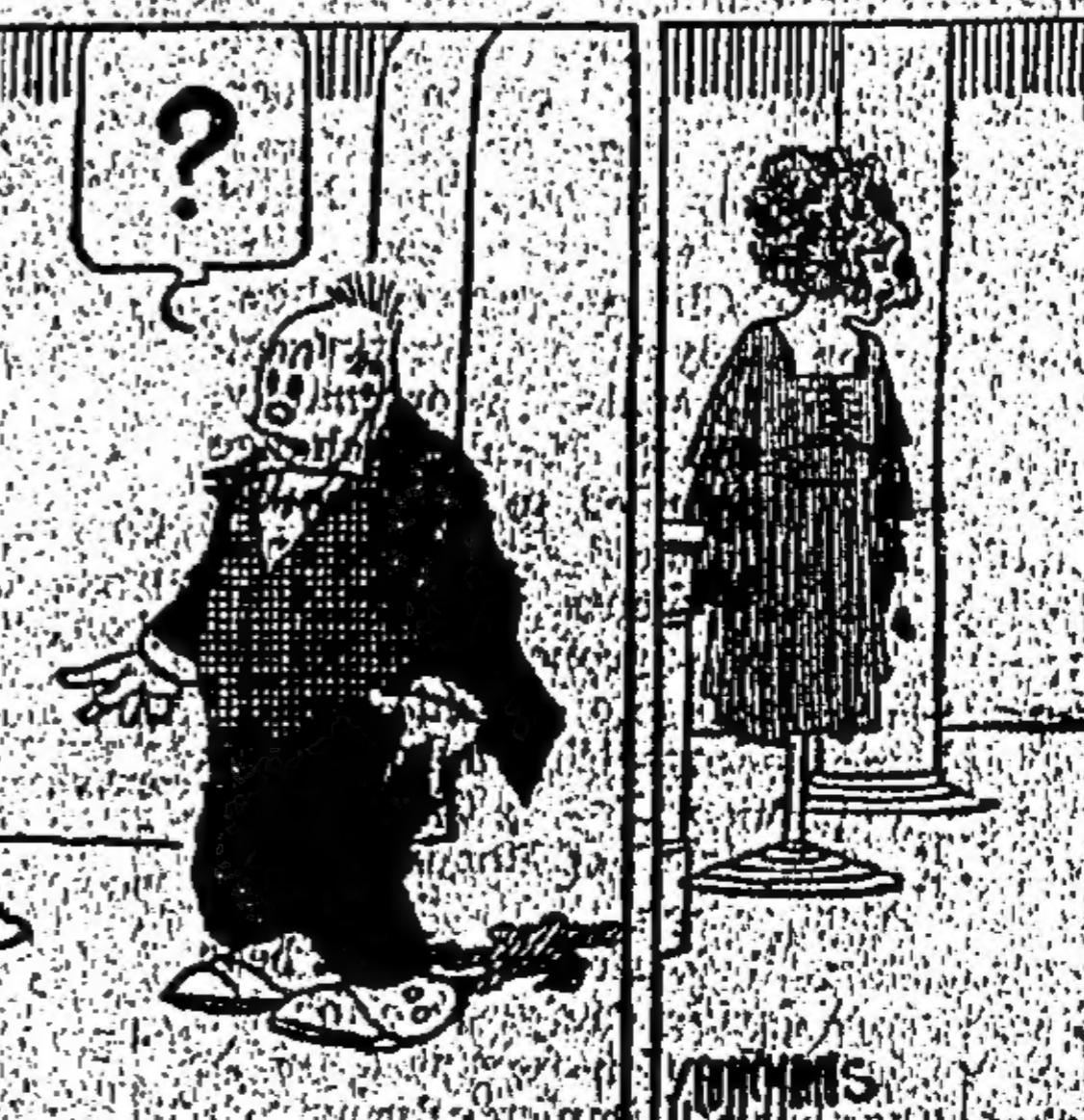


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Though the Prince of Wales broke his collar bone only ten days before, he attended the football match at Tottenham between the Hotspur and Oxford University in aid of the Prince of Wales' Hospital. He shook hands (using his left) with the teams, and is seen with Oxford.



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Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoo, whose husband is the first Democrat formally to declare himself in the running for the presidential nomination.



Dr. Leander Tomarkin, young Swiss biologist, whose discovery of a new cure for pneumonia has just been announced by Professor Marchiafava, eminent Italian physician.



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The scene of the munitions works fire which occurred at the factory of Messrs. W. V. Gilbert & Co., at Slades Green, near Erith, where twelve employees lost their lives. The photograph shows all that was left of the structure. The firemen prevented the fire from spreading to an adjoining powder store.

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Mar. 31.—E.A. Bintang.

Banka.

Apr. 12.—E.A. West Prospect.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Mar. 29.—N.Y.K. Hakodate Maru.

Howrah.

Apr. 9.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM MOJI.

Mar. 30.—E.A. Atrara.

FROM MANILA.

Apr. 9.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM SANDAKAN.

Mar. 27.—O.S.R. Soraibaya Maru.

FROM JAVA.

Mar. 30.—J.O.C. Tiliwong.

West Prospect.

FROM ZAMBOANGA & CEBU.

Apr. 6.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Apr. 5.—B.I. Goksa.

May. 3.—B.I. Takada.

Torilla.

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Apr. 4.—E.A. St Albans.

Kut.

May. 2.—E.A. Eastern.

June 6.—E.A. Araura.

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Apr. 9.—D.S.L. J. Jackson.

11.—A.O.L. Empress of Asia.

13.—B.F. Pres. Jefferson.

30.—B.F. Pres. Johnson.

May 28.—B.F. Achilles.

June 16.—B.F. Lynden.

Aug. 6.—E.V. Protzelius.

Sept. 4.—B.F. Achilles.

Oct. 15.—B.F. Tidderance.

Nov. 5.—B.F. Proteles.

Dec. 3.—B.F. Achilles.

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Mar. 29.—U.S.S.B. West Cajolet.

Apr. 9.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.

FROM FRISCO, HONOLULU, KOBE, SHAI.

Mar. 31.—D.S.L. Pres. Adams.

Apr. 12.—D.S.L. Pres. Monroe.

Apr. 23.—D.S.L. Pres. Folk.

FROM NEW YORK & BOSTON.

Mar. 31.—P.L. Mount Royal Prince.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Mar. 30.—H.A.L. Havaland.

Perseus.

Apr. 9.—N.Y.K. Atata Maru.

Oosterker.

30.—J.C.I.L. Friesland.

Oudekerk.

June 6.—J.C.I.L. Oldeskerk.

FROM MARSEILLES.

Apr. 7.—M.M. Chambord.

Paul Locat.

28.—M.M. Andre Leton.

FROM LONDON.

Mar. 10.—U.L. Glenahane.

Kashmir.

21.—P.O. Soudan.

Plassey.

May 1.—P.O. Glenamary.

Sicilia.

12.—P.O. Glenapp.

Kashgar.

15.—P.O. Morea.

Soudan.

12.—P.O. Karmala.

Malwa.

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Davvaha.

14.—P.O. Mantua.

Rhyber.

21.—P.O. Kaiser-i-Hind.

Kashmir.

Sept. 4.—P.O. Morea.

12.—P.O. Kashgar.

17.—P.O. Karmala.

Kashmir.

31.—P.O. CYCLOPS.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Mar. 30.—H.F. Ichem.

Belone.

14.—H.F. Anticyclone.

Ganfa.

14.—H.F. Patroclus.

Automedon.

20.—H.F. Theonos.

Domed.

27.—H.F. Laomedon.

Minor.

12.—H.F. Lydon.

Iolythemos.

31.—H.F. Cyclops.

FROM HAMBURG.

Apr. 8.—H.A.L. Oldenborg.

Havelland.

FROM ROTTERDAM.

Mar. 31.—B.F. Atuna.

FROM COLOMBO (C.A.O.N.).

Apr. 9.—E.A. Chile.

26.—E.A. Africa.

May 10.—E.A. Malaya.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The H.S.L.s.s. "Albert Vogler" will

arrive to-day at 8 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakodate Maru" (Bennay Line) left Singapore for Hong Kong on Mar. 23 and is expected here to-day.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Jackson" which is due to Hong Kong to-morrow sailed from Kobe for Shanghai on Mar. 21 on schedule.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Araura" left Moji for this port on Mar. 28 at 8 p.m. and is due here to-morrow at 8 p.m.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Adams" which is due to this port on Mar. 31 arrived at Shanghai on Mar. 26.

The C.P.S. & K.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila on Mar. 18 at 11 a.m. left Manila on Mar. 29 at 5 p.m. and is due to Hong Kong on Mar. 31 at 8 a.m.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Macmillan" which arrived from Manila on Mar. 21 will sail for Victoria on Mar. 22 and will call at Hong Kong on Mar. 23.

The H.S.L.s.s. "Albert Vogler" will

arrive here to-morrow at 8 a.m.

The H.S.L.s.s. "Morpheus" for Havre London and Rotterdam will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Mar. 31.

The U.S.S. "U.M." Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama on Mar. 21 left one day on Mar. 23 and is due to Vancouver on Mar. 24.

The U.S.S. "U.M." Empress of Russia for this port on Mar. 22 at 8 a.m. and will sail for San Francisco on Apr. 1 at about 8 p.m.

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NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS

This morning a Nam Pak Hong
quotations for spot goods based
upon "gold" terms were as follows—

Java sugar—average quality per
pound not—No. 24 round white
\$13.09. No. 24 fine white \$14.60.
No. 16 round brown \$12.80. Java
brown \$12.50.

Rice, average quality per
pound for net—No. 5000
white \$8.00. No. 1 Sack long
white \$7.80.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs—
White, Green \$2.60.
Orange \$2.08. Sperry's XXX \$5.45.

Kitchen \$2.88. Maize \$2.55. Big
Gum \$2.75. Globe \$2.65. Old Mill
\$2.50. Remond \$2.50. Melon
\$2.55. White Rose \$2.55. O. & G.
\$2.55. Devon \$2.07. Bimini
\$2.05. Kew \$2.55.

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